

## **FISCAL NOTE**

### **SB 196 - HB 1161**

February 11, 2007

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Includes infliction or the attempted infliction of physical injury to any pet or animal belonging to an adult or minor in the definition of "domestic abuse." Includes any pet or animal within the scope of an order of protection in the case of domestic abuse, stalking, or sexual assault and requires the pet be placed in the custody of the petitioner or in an animal foster situation.

#### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant**

**Increase Local Govt. Expenditures – Not Significant**

Assumptions:

- Any increase in the number of prosecutions for domestic abuse as a result of the proposed legislation would be minimal and would not have a significant increase in state expenditures.
- Any increase in domestic abuse cases would be minimal and would not have a significant impact on local government expenditures.
- Currently, local police departments and animal control offices provide assistance with the placing of pets in domestic violence cases.

#### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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